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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No.	126688/0037
First Inventor	Douglas G. Evans, et al.
Title	SELF-ANCHORING SLING AND INTRODUCER SYSTEM
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages **111**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **57**]
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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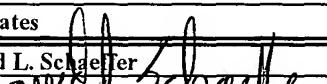
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	750		
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee			
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee			
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee			
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 750.00)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
116	22	-20** = 96	X 18	= 1,728	
		- 3** = 19	X 84	= 1,596	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20		
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 3,324.00)		

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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
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1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month			
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1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal			
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1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
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1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))			
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
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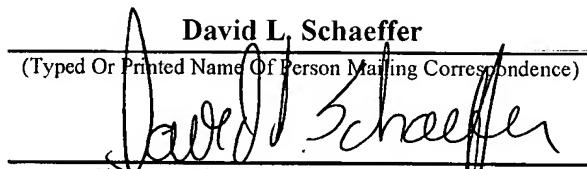
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